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### FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1900.

The South African Situation,

Reviewing the events of the past week of ten days in South Africa, it must be conceded that a great deal has been accomplished by Lord Roberts with relatively handle the immense fortunes which are the little bloodshed. It is perhaps too early to say that the occupation of Bloemfontein lossy that the occupation occupation lossy that the occupation lossy that the occupation lossy that the occupatio and the establishment of a military gov- the men who make corners in wheat and will receive the proposed volume. ernment in the Orange Free State has re- corn, will not have the ability their fathers sulted in detaching that territory from the had to control tremendous business enter-Boer cause. But it is apparent that it will prises. America has a chance of overhave some such effect, at least, in part. | coming, in a comparatively short time, the It is known that a very large element in evils born of new and strange conditions, the Free State were opposed to the alliance. because her system allows people to be and have never approved of the way. Since continually active, alert, and progressive. diate political associates were anything but straightforward in dealing with the Legislature or people who indeed were dragged and dragooned into a war with England, and dragooned into a war with Ergland, against which power the Free Staters had against which power the Free Staters ha no grievance. This conservative element, led by Mr. Frazer and many of the most intelligent men of the country, may now be expected to seek peace, knowing that the sooner that is secured the easier will be the terms and conditions affecting the future of the colony. Steyn is reported at Kroonstad trying to rally his forces; but with the region south of the Vaal certain to be in undisputed British control within thing of the kind should be prevented.

rdinate officers. The success of French's stock from being taken away by the retreating Boers. It was utilized at once
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As far as one can judge from despatches. active military operations need not be expected for ten days or two weeks to come. Lord Roberts will probably rest his main body at Bloemfontein, reorganize his transport, and keep his cavalry busy scouting and reconnoitring in the directions of Kroonstad and Winburg. The London Buller until his superior is ready for an the offensive is considered out of the quesdoubtless be mostly confined to a vigorou defence of the Transvaal territory, finally ending with the siege of Pretoria, for which the most comprehensive and scien tific preparations have been under way for

# The Trust in Russia

In connection with certain developments of the trust problem in this country, an incident which occurred in Russia not long ago is interesting. There was an oil trust in that land, and for a time it had things ali its own way. Then it became so power ful that the imperial cabinet noticed it, and decided upon a plan of action. It was decreed that the Minister of Finance should confiscate the business of the oil trust, and proceed to conduct it in the interests of the Czar, The Government would pay the trust what its business was worth-which did not necessarily mean what the former owners considered it to be worth. There was some commotion over the matter, but that was the end of it so far as the company was concerned.

The impression of the general public in this country is that the whole Russian Government is one gigantic trust, and that idec may be to some extent correct. It is easy to see how such a policy as that pursued in the case of the oil monopoly would tend to crush out all business enterprise and retard the progress of the country, and in fact, it has done so. The political and social system in Russia is rather like the lock-step of a prison; no one person is allowed to move any faster than the on next in front of him, or slower than the person immediately behind him. Anyone who has ever walked in a procession knows that such a scheme of progress makes things move very slowly. Nobody is allowed to get out of his foreordalned place, in Russia, and the result is that the nation advances at a rate unconscionably slow. The American system is just the reverse, We require no one to keep step, and above all, we hinder no one from taking the leadership. This is hard on the next in front of him, or slower than the

weaklings who cannot keep up, but the rate

of general progress is amazing This system has culminated in the imse power of the trusts. So far from the Government's confiscating any American monopoly, syndicate, trust, or busient, the effect on the people at large is work places the cost at \$12,000 on the basis poor in Russia, owing to the fact that the Government official has absolute authority in many things, and uses it for his own gressional Record and distributed broadprivate fortunes by imposing a small tax contrary, the fact that his resolution limhas immeasurably the advantage of Russia. ume de luxe general distribution. The ina temporary thing at the worst. Conditions are constantly changing, and in a generation or two the immense fortunes which pow give men irresponsible power racy in this country. It takes skill born of long experience and sharp discipline to

court refuses to recognize these papers signed by a man whom a court of concurrent inrisdiction declares is not Goverauthorities by force and arms.

This is not a nice prospect, and anya very short time, the chances are that The Taylor insurrection has gone on about most of the Free State farmers will aban- as long as it should be permitted to, if don a hopeless cause and return to their the good name of the State is to be re-Lord Roberts has been remarkably for- have seemed to mark the course of the deemed. Timidity and semi-paralysis tunate in some minor but, nevertheless, greatly important achievements of his subtions of law and fact were concluded by the constitutional power and action of the avalry in getting around to the north cf Legislature. The legislative decision has \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year most of the member Bloemfontein and cutting the railway prevented a large accumulation of rolling Louisville. Its opinion will be sustained stock from being taken away by the re-

Tennessee. While he is about it, he might So it will be seen that before many days as well double the effort and take in the

The joint resolution, proposing a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, in troduced by Mr. Ray in the House yester military critics do not look for any impor-tant movement on the part of Sir Redvers vides that "The Congress shall have power to regulate and repress monopolies and advance to Johannesburg and Pretoria. combinations; to create and dissolve cor-That Joubert should turn about and take porations and dispose of their property, and to make all laws necessary and prope The remainder of the war will for the execution of the foregoing powers.

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal) The experiment of making good citizens out of bandits by appointing them to office is being tried in Cuba. This reverses the operation in he United States by which bandits are so of

# Straining at Gnats

(From the Portland Argus.) hey verily illustrate the Scripturar to straining at gnats and swallo

# Professional Politics

(From the Kansas City Star.)

The Delegate From Arizona. (From the New York Tribune.) most languid statesman in the Hou with Congress is the Hon. John F. egate from Arizona. Whether his

### POLITICAL NOTES AND GOSSIP.

Unusual Extravagance. - Senato Platt of Connecticut has introduced a reso lution to have printed and bound in seperate volume the eulogies delivered in the ness combination, it is in some danger of House and Schate on the late Vice Presilang bodlly condscated by them. At pres- dent Hebart. The lowest estimate of the about the same, whether the trusts or of only a few thousand copies. The royalty the Government be supreme. There is, of Europe, it is said, seldom ever draws denbtless, corruption and mulcting of the from the public funds a like amount for profit; there is extortion in this country, cast over the country. Therefore it is held wherever a small number of men bave it that Senator Platt's resolution cannot be in in their power to add millions to their response to any public demand. On the of a peany a week or more upon the con-sumer of some necessary article of food. to a few thousand shows that the Senator All things considered, however, America has no thought or defre to give this volin that the extertion of the trusts must be ference is that it is intended solely for a will pass into other hands, less fitted to control their affairs; and then will come a general redistribution of property, and the old proverb that it is "only three generations from shirt-sleeves to shirt-slee Sileeves," will be justified once more,
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just at a time, it is pointed out, when his services in the House could be of most value to his party. Mr. Bailey has gone back to Texas to formally open his camhostilities began facts have transpired to Insurrection News From Kentucky. tor will not leave here for fully a month paign against Senator Chilton. The Sena-It is stated today that when the persons yet, thereby giving proof of the difference under arrest as accomplices in the mur- in the views of the two men toward their der of Governor Goebel are brought to public and party duty. It is said that all Frankfort for preliminary trial next week, of the noisy elements in the Texas Democ that he already has Senator Chilton beat en. The conservative, thoughtful men of the State are said to be a unit for Mr. rent jurisdiction declares is not Gover-nor, then it it reported that Taylor will march his banditti from the State House Square to the courtroom and attempt to take the prisoners from the Kentucky civil Chilton, whose record in the Senate shows the most exciting campaigns in the country can be looked for. If Mr. Belley is de-feated for the Senaie he will drop out of public life, as he has promised various gentlemen in his Corgressional district not to again ask for election to the House

> John Allen Not Funny,-When "Private" John Allen rose in the House yes Washington Public School steacher from stopped talking and many of them crowd ed around his desk expecting to hear a fur ny speech. But the Mississippian sadl

fasks of mocashine complete an outfit which has been much in evidence at Frank fort of late, and which certainly suggests the desirability of education. General Howard is too disinterested a man to mind the lact that, were the intended beneficiaries of his missionary labors really to become enlightened, they would be lost to the Republican party of which they are the mainstays in Tennessee and Kentucky.

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Hawaii's Chinese Population. (From the Chicago Tribune.)

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In the Hawaiian Islands, according to the latest reports, there are 21,66 Chinese. Of these 15 are doctors, merchants and traders number 82; including 3 women; 1,356 are clerks and salesmen, 18 of these women; of mechanics there are 220; mariners, 15 only; fishermen, 294; drivers and camaters, 165. In the country, apart from Honolulu, there are 36 Chinese coffee planters, 98 ranchers, 718 rice planters, 2 of them women; of larmers and agriculturists, 1,278, and the laborers number 10,941. There are no Chinese lawyers.

# England's Reward of Honor.

(From the London Mail.)

The Victoria Cross is only awarded to officers and men who have performed some signal act of valor or devotion to their country in the presence of the enemy. It carries with it a special pension of £10 a year, and should the holder do some deed which if he had not already won the Cross would have gained it, another bar is attached to the ribbon by which the cross is suspended. This bar carries an additional £5 a year pension.

# The Turk and the Dago

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
The Aid—Commander of the Faithful there is an unbelieving Dago at the gates who demands minediate audience with your majesty."
The Sultun-Bisbmillah! What assurance! Art ure it is not a reporter? The Aid-Quite sure, your majesty. Reporters al-large offer me bad cigars. Besides the smell is inferent. It's garlic this time.

The Sultan-Great macaroni! What does he

The Sultan-Great macaroni. What the Sultan-Great macaroni. What the Aid-He has come to say that unless you at once deliver up an Halfan young woman who is in once of the harems at Brusas, his corthury will immediately declare war against you.

The Sultan-Did you ever! Say, but this is sudden. Going to war about a harems girl, 63?

D'ye know whose harem it is?

The Aid-Yes, your majesty.

The Sultan-Well, tie a tag to it, and send the whole push to the Halian throne warmer. There's nothing small, my boy, about your Uncle Abdul.

### IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Sir William C. Van Horne, the eminen Canadian, who some twelve years ago ob-tained the office of President of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and from a veritable "white elephant" burdened with debts and mismanagement made it one of the largest and most successful railroad systems in the world, is at the Shoreham from Montreal. Mr. Van Horne stated this morning that he had come to Washington to escape the snow which tied up everything in lower Canada, but unexpectedly ran into a small blizzard in this city. am merely here for pleasure," he "and there is nothing official in my While I am still connected with the Canadian Pacific and have nearly all of my interests centred in the system, I am no president of the company, having found the

duties growing into a burden. The rail-road is a beautiful structure at present and is doing a wonderful business. We were one of the first systems to build all of our own rolling stock, and ten years ago, at the big Hochelaga shops in Montreal we forged our own trucks and loco-motives, built our own freight, passenger, and sleeping cars, and turned out whole trains in a week. Today we have to buy is too great for our five shops. Everything is prosperous in Montreal, but the snow is five feet deep in places, and packed hard. I had hoped to get warm weather here."

Postmaster Charles N. Gordon, of Chicago, is at the Raleigh, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon. Colonel Gordon is in Wash-ington endeavoring to secure the calargeent and improvement of the postoffice

"I am trying to get the Treasury De Bailey Departs.—The Hoa. Joseph Weldon Bailey has fled from Washington just at a time, it is pointed out, when his tablished in every city. I am also trying to have Representative Mann, of Illinois, introduce a bill which will give substitute etter carriers the same pay as regular

Everett Frazar, United States Consul wife and daughter, and, after reporting to the State Department and arranging some matters in connection with his office, he will leave for Orange, N. J., his home.

E. T. Ide, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., is at the E. T. Ide, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., is at the Riggs, en route to his home from Alabama, the is a brother of Judge H. C. Ide, one of the newly-appointed Philippine Commissioners. "The appointment came as a complete surprise to my brother," said Mr. Ide in gort of cotion manufactures. The import of spun cotton, from a maximum of today, "as he was resting down in Alabama when asked to serve. He takes a great deal of pride in his new duties, as he has certain; ideals as to how the new possession should be handled. As chief justice and practically dictator of Samoa for many years he was wonderfully successful in managing the natives and has made a study of them. He was always an ardent expansionist and when a member of the San oan Commission always contended that the United States should annex the islands. He will arrive in Washington about March 26.2"

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Can't Cure Fits.—A gulleless citizen yesterday asked one of the most distinguished Senators on the Republican side of the chamber this question: "Don't you think it would be compared to the same than the condour are among the best had a handful of what we have in Kansas City.

Then there are the new Coates, the Auditors in 1893. "It is to 5,230 tons, and reaching 11,300 tons in 1898."

W. R. Warner, H. A. Garfield, Can. G. A. Garretson, and Luther Allen, a selegation from the Cleveland, Ohio, Chamber of Commaerce, are at the Shoreham. They are here to plead for the remodeling of the United States consular system and for its improvement, and will appear before a Congressional committee to argue in favor

Kate Pier, Kate H. Pier, and Harriett II Pier, three women attorneys-at-law, are at the Shoreham from Milwaukee, Wis. They were recently admitted to practic before the bar of the Supreme Court, an are in the city attending to some legal

Gen. William S. Stryker, of Trenton N J., is registered at the Shoreham. He has held the position of Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey since 1867. He was made counselor at law of the State ohio in the year 1866. He is at present a director of the Treaton Banking Company, president of the New Jersey Society of Cin-cinnati, president of the Treaton Savings Fund Society, and a Fellow of the Amer can Geographical Society. In June he received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Princeton College.

Sir Weetman D. Pearson, M. P., was a Sir Weetman D. Pearson, M. P., was at the Arlington from London, England, yes-terday en poide to Mexico. Mr. Pearson is a member of the firm of Pearson & Son, of London, which recently purchased the Tehuantepec Railroad, in Mexico, and he is going to make a careful inspection of the property, and has planned many ex-tensive improvements. ensive improvements 'The railroad runs from Coatzacoalcos i

Salina Cruz, on Tehuantepec Bay," said he, "and I believe that it will become a very important system in the near future. The route to San Francisco by our line will b 1,500 miles shorter than the Panama route and we get nearly all of the steamshi freight. I am going to start in at one and build an extensive system of steel pier. at both the ports which form the terminals. These will be large enough to accomodate any vessel that ever went into water and will occupy two years in building Freight will be lifted out of the steame and into the freight car by the same crane and any railroad man can see what a sav-ing of time and energy this will be. I propose to have rapid transit in every sense of the word. Matters are better in England since General Roberts has managed to scatter the enemy. It is believed now that the war is practically ended, and that while there may be a few last desperate stands on the part of the Boers, they cannot continue the struggle any time, nor cause much delay. Of course we are product of and will give them a great reception, but all Englishmen also admire the Boers for lay. Of course we are proud of our

# An Incident in Church.

### RETIREMENT OF CLERKS. Pension Commissioner Evans Favors

Early Action by Congress, H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Penors, today expressed himself as heartily in favor of the retirement of the clerks of his office when they had reached a certain term of service. Mr. Evans said:

"The plan will take a little time to become completely formulated. It will perhaps be somewhat difficult to make everyone in the office view it from the broad most encouraging.

"All European gavernments have a plan for rettring their clerks after a certain period of service, and there is no reason why the United States should be behindhand in adopting like measures. It should be always understood, however, that the retirement fund does not come from the national resources. It is furnished entirely by the clerks themselves, and is the presult of a general conceptation among all.

Hoffman then remembered that about sult of a general co-operation among all e employes of the office for the purpose mutual benefit. "A precedent is furnished the Governthe emplo

"A precedent is furnished the Govern-ment, in this connection, byt the National Soliders' Home, which is supported by every man who enlists in the Army, with the option of retiring there when his days of actual service are over. I sincerely trust that Congress will take action in this matter which I believe must appeal to every disinterested person 2s a ques-tion of right and justice, and a graceful tribute from the service to the veterans, who have rendered it faithful and effi-cient aid." this matter, which, I believe, must appeal

### ITALY'S COTTON INDUSTRY.

Consul Jarvis Reports an Increase of Production.

W. J. Jarvis, Consul to Milan, has writ ten to the State Department respecting the cotton interests of Italy, as follows: "The growth of the Italian cotton inustry has caused a corresponding increase in the importation of the raw material, and, as the greater percentage of this comes from the United States, the following notes and statistics-taken from the most excellent work on Italian exports by Dr. Leopoldo Sabbatini, Secretary of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, and just published-may prove of interest

"In 1871 there were only 19,500 tons of raw cotton imported into Italy. In 1881 this had increased to 48,500 tons; in 1891, to 92,500 tons; and in 1898, to 1.2,900 tons. This increase in the importation of raw material and the building up of the Ital-

### The Industrial Commission to Pay an Agent's Expenses.

the Comptroller of the Treasury requesting that the Maryland men demand the same made for the use of the Industrial Com- But the conditions of the two districts are mission in the act of June 18, 1898, is avail- different. In the central Pennsylvania disable to pay the traveling expenses of an criet, where the miners have been promexpert agent of the Commission who has seed 60 cents a ton, the railroads charge vestigate in Europe certain industrial ques-In his answer of March 12 the Comp

troller said: "I know of no pronibition against the traveling expenses of a duly authorized agent, and his expenses, if prop-

### SPRADLIN'S CLAIM REJECTED. The Comptroller of the Treasury

Affirms the Auditor's Decision. W. H. Spradlin, of this city, through his itorneys, N. W. Wills & Co., requested the Comptroller of the Treasury to revise his claim for reimbursement for expenses incurred in the last sickness and the burial of Nancy H. Spradlin, pensioner.

The Comptroller of the Treasury advised Mr. Spradlin, on March 12, that he confirmed the action of the Auditor in disallowing the claim of \$343.67. He said: 'Investigation in the locality has been hade by an agent of the Secret Service, and appears from his report that Spradlin ontributed nothing toward the support of Nancy H. Spradlin, except the hut she lived in, for a period of nearly two years, and that, as a matter of fact, the supplies that were purchased in her name at the grocery store were not solely for her bene-

### COMMUTATION TO SOLDIERS. Information Wanted by the Senate

Not Readily Obtainable. The Acting Secretary of War yesterday transmitted to the Senate a reply to the resolution introduced by Mr. Turner cailing for a statement from the War Department of the amount of money paid, as travel pay and commutation of subsistence volunteer soldiers returning to the United States from the Philippines. The resolution also called for the names of all volun-teers receiving such money, and the amount of bounty pay or reward paid to soldiers for re-enlistment in the Philip-

The reply of the Acting Secretary of War splains that the Paymaster General had eported that it would require a very large lerical force and involve considerable work to secure this information, besides the pay and muster-out rolls upon which payments were made have passed out of the custody of the War Department, and are now in the office of the Auditor of the Treasury Department. The reply in conclusion said that the War Department was worth to form the the treasure of the treasure unable to furnish the information called

# Alcohol.

(From the Chicago T mes-Herald.) The theory that alcohol is a food is as thin as he claim that it is a poisen. Alcohol is a stimu-ant, to be used with discretion. It is an inlovi-ant to be shunned. It has its uses and abuses in this world and numbers its victima by the

# BLOWN FROM A FAST TRAIN

Passenger's Miraculous Escape

From Instant Death.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 16.-After being hurled headlong from a railros train coming over the Meadows at the rate of seventy miles an hour, Norman Jeffries, of Philadelphia, was last night found by a rescuing crew clinging to a telegraph pele about three miles from this city on the Camden and Atlantic Division.

Not a bone was broken and, according standpoint of a question of justice to the to the statements of the hospital surgeons old clerks and of general benefit to the be sustained no further injury than a badservice. As I proposed it in my last an-nual report, it has met with hearty co-adelphia every day and last night took the operation from various legislative sources, and I think the outlook for the plan is this city to join his wife here. When the "All European governments have a plan train reached this city, twenty-seven minutes late, a man's black beaver overcoat, a grid of services and the reached this city, twenty-seven minutes late, a man's black beaver overcoat, a grid of services and the reached this city, twenty-seven minutes late, a man's black beaver overcoat, a grid of services and the reached this city, twenty-seven minutes late, a man's black beaver overcoat, a grid of seven minutes late, a grid of seven minutes late, a grid of seven minutes late

tified Conductor Goff.

Hoffman then remembered that about three miles from the drawbridge he had seen a passenger leave the smoking car and attempt to cross the platforms into the next car behind. There was a violent wind sweeping from the eastward across the meadows all day. Fearing that a passenger had been killed on the meadows the bridge train engine and combination car were sent back with orders to find the missing passenger. Half a dozen train hands went with the train, which steamed slowly along. About three miles out the slowly along. About three miles out the rescue crew discovered Jeffries standing with his arm about a telegraph pole on the west side of the track. He appeared dazed and weak and his head was covered with blood.

Placing him on board the train, he was ought to this city and sent to the City

### SEEKING STOLEN BOOKS.

Queer Explanation of a Peculiar Advertisement.

NORFOLK, Va., March 16.-An intereng story attaches to the following advertisement received by the "New York Her-Ball, 204 Cumberland Street, this city;

"This is to certify that I have employed Gargan and Daly, detectives, to get possession of my two books. All persons having copies in their possession are requested to hand them over on application. Positively no one has any right to them.'

Miss Ball, an old lady, was sought by the reporter, who found her at the address given in the advertisement. The house in which she lives is ocupied jointly by Miss.

The citizens of Lagrange and the most important invention in science or inclustrial art. It is open to all the world and embraces all subjects of human entire the company of the citizens of Lagrange and have precented a

many years ago some one stole them from him. Copies of them are, however, in the royal archives of various European countries, but she preferred to trace the originals. She sald she was in New York last week and saw Mayor Van Wyck, who recommended to her the firm of detections.

the demand, made by the Maryland and line Pennsylvania milners at a conference of the other would be shout 1.250 miles. for pick mining in both the Pennsylvania and Western Maryland districts, a Baltimore operator in Allegany and Garrett

"The Pennsylvania 1 ission, addressed a communication to promised 60 cents a ton, and they insist the operators 15 cents less per ton than in

Western Mary and.
"Moreover, the coal veins in Central Pennsylvania are only from three to four feet thick, while those in Western Mary-land are from seven to eleven feet in thick-ness. Therefore the work for the miners in Western Maryland is much easier than or those in Central Pennsylvania. A large number of coal miners in the Pennsylvaria district also make coke, which has taken a far higher advance than coal in propor-tion to the output, and therefore those operators who are mining and shipping coal and coke can afford to pay their miners more than the operators in Western Mary-

"This offer of a 56-cent-a-ton rate apfor eighteen years. However, I cannot say we expect any trouble over the matter, as an agreement will doubtless be reached."

# CURRENT HUMOR.

He Enderstood. (From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

"Miss Breezy begs to be excused," said the aid. "She has a sore throat." "Yes," said the youth bitterly, "a Leslie Carter re throat!"

And he strode away with the heartless rebuff
akking in his manly breast.

# Far More Observant.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

Dodson Do you think that a woman is mentify equal to a man?

Hilary—Equal? She is away above him. There my wife, for instance. When we get home from much she can always tell me what the text was, all more than that, she can tell what every woman in the meeting-house had on, and give a very close estimate of what.

### The Appropriation Exhausted. (From the Chicago News.) Ostend-Pa, I want a dollar to buy a set of ten

Obeyed Orders.

(From the Philadelphia North American.)
"Mary, said the lady of the house, "you didn't it any sait in this bread."
"But," replied the new girl, "didn't the master vyesterday he wouldn't have nothing but hesh well with the stable." Blissful Ignorance.

(From the Chicago News.) Growell (in cheap restaurant) Here, v Then what difference dots it make wint-

# He Agreed.

(From the Indianapolis Press.)
The Caristian Scientist—Sickness is only imagi-ation. If you do not think you are ill, you are nation. If you do not then not ill.

Mr. Lushforth-I'm with you, m'fren, 'Cause know when I get sick an' drink s'much booze too I'm sick, I'm allright, see?

### NOTES OF THE DAY.

Becton is agitating the question of probibiting the ringing of church bells. London spends \$140 a year on the education of ach child in the public schools.

The total number of sheep in the State of West Virginia is 787,793, valued at \$14,326,550. Brooklyn will spend \$300,000 on a new wing for the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Mother-of-pearl articles should be cleaned with whiting and cold water. Soap discolors them,

The number of deaths in Brooklyn for the month of February was 2,009, which is utusually large. In blowing out a candle, hold it aloft and then blow upward. This will prevent scattering of the

In the Canish high schools the cost of educating students, including everything except clothing, is \$65 a year.

Massachusetts imposes a tax of 5, per cent on bequests coming to universities and colleges from outside the State limits,

Canon Gore complains of the poverty among many of the clergy in England, and lays it to the charge of lukewarmness among the laity. In the university library at Ithaca, N. Y., there us been placed a memorial tablet to Clifton B. Brown, a student who fell in the charge of San

Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., may found an annex for women students on the plan now in vogue at Harvard and Brown Uni-

While a London church was on fire a bridal party entered and insisted upon being wed, so that the parson tied the knot while the edifice was in flames.

Glyngarth, a mansion on the Anglessy side of the Menual Straits, has just been acquired by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as a palace for the Bishop of Bangor.

Reports say that little will be left of Dawson City, the Klondike metropolis, after the home-rush in May and June. Merchants are closing out-their stocks, and "to reot" signs are frequent. By a new process of rolling a Massachusetts genius has succeeded in attaining results that, so

At Denver a demand for higher wages from nearly all lines of workmanship has been granted peaceably. In the building trades especially the demand for labor is so urgent that advances were granted readily and the cost of houses raised pro-

The prize offered by the late Alired Nebel, the

heperiziny in our Japan the uses to which pa-pers are made the same way they have different names, depending on the uses to which they are put. Partitions between rooms and window lights are of paper. The partitions are paper on stifi-ing frames something on the principle of folding or sliding doors. Lanterra and undrella coverings are made of it.

ommended to in the advertisement. The puttle old lady spoke of the advertisement and the loss of the books very solmenly. The loss of the money at this time, she said, would seriously inconvenience her.

DATAND

Le full of insects and worms.

The most recent proposal in the development of Africa is a railway across the descrit of Sahara extending from Algiers to the Niger River. The plan is under discussion by engineers of the Exerch Gövernment, who have in their possession.

the Comptroller of the Treasury requesting rate, which is an increase of 5 cents a ton.

Sand and the same same same and the same correspondent of the "Catholic rate, which is an increase of 5 cents a ton. Standard and Times," "belong to Clan Prosperous, The two districts are of the population of Montreal, yet they own one

> he consequent economy of time, temper, and eye receiving and is the highest rate offered in private correspondence, however, the pen still pretends to searn the competition of the machine.

> > The present year has given to the world liquid Dewar demonstrated its possibility as a labora-tory experiment. Now comes liquid ozone—an infinitely greater discovery, and one that is cer-tails to revolutionize more than one important industry. What liquid air has promised for me-chanics, liquid ozone holds out for surgery and medicine. Those two great destroyers, cor